

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Drs. Anderson & Lundy have a professional card in this issue.

The Australia, Tuesday, took by mail 7747 letters and 2458 papers.

Mr. F. L. Winter has received 3,000 rami plants from Kona which have been distributed.

Dr. Henri G. McGrew has removed his office from Alakea street to King and Richards streets.

Miss Carey, daughter of the commander of the Monowai, accompanied her father on this trip.

The W. G. Hall brought news of plenty of rain on the Kau coast, and very rough weather in the Hawaii channel.

W. C. Spruill, of Irish linen fame, has a few words to say to the ladies and others interested, in our advertising columns to day.

Major H. C. Dane, the well known lecturer, was a through passenger on the Monowai, after a successful tour in the Colonies.

The Monowai encountered a very severe equinoctial gale with frequent showers, for the last three days before reaching Honolulu.

The Planters' Labor and Supply Co. will meet in this city on Monday, October 26, 1891, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, at 10 o'clock A. M.

One hundred dollars is not a bad price for a young coconut tree, is it? That price was asked, it is said, of a gentleman who was looking for one to send away.

Four Hawaiians returned from China by the Belgic on Friday. They were Mrs. Kanai, of Kanae, and Mrs. Akamu and her two daughters, of Hilo, Hawaii.

Messrs. Ed. Hoffschlaeger & Co. have received, per Woosung from Bremen, three of the celebrated Westmeyer pianos. Also on hand two fine parlor organs.

The victorious "Honolulu" nine, champions for '91, sat under the eye of the camera Friday at J. J. Williams'. The boys never had harder work to hold their positions.

Mr. Hogan left on Friday, by the Hall, for Hawaii. He will visit the Volcano and Haleakala and will be absent two or three weeks. Have a good time and don't fall into the fire, Ben.

Mr. John Magoon, who has been absent on the Coast since June last, returned by the Forest Queen. Mr. Magoon is pleased to get home again, and says this country is good enough for him.

Hop Hing & Co. vs. The Wilder S. S. Co., another case brought for damages occasioned by the Kahului fire, was decided last week in the Police Court in favor of the plaintiffs. The defendants noted an appeal.

Captain J. Neilson, the popular skipper of the J. A. Cummins, returned by the Mariposa on Friday, after several months' visit to his parents at his old home in Denmark. Mr. Neilson looks as though he had enjoyed his trip thoroughly.

One of the passengers by the Hall reports that the caterpillars are engaged in a raid on Kau. From about a mile on the Hilea side of Honouaue to Naalehu, a distance of about five miles, they are very thick (averaging a bucket to the square inch, the *Advertiser's* informant says).

Somebody down at Ewa Plantation is selling liquor without a license. Chinamen have a way of calling for freight and carrying it by mysterious and devious ways to a certain store not far from the Ewa church. A white employee of the plantation shadowed them the other day.

A trophy left in the clerks' office of the Supreme Court, doubtless by Barefooted Bill, was found yesterday by F. W. Wundenberg. It consisted of the steel point of a finger nail cleaner or some similar attachment to a pocket knife, broken off in the keyhole of an iron box in one of the clerks' desks.

Captain Cushman, who is breaking up the wreck of the Vandalia, passed through on the Monowai yesterday. He says that the timbers are worm-eaten and worthless, but a good deal of valuable iron will be taken out. One of the German men-of-war has been broken up, and work is now in progress on the other. It will take eight months' more work to clear these wrecks away.

Mr. Levey is making final arrangements to bring a comic troupe here, which is said to be of excellent quality. The company may come in December. He expects also a skillful "Illusionist," by the end of November, and is corresponding with Primrose & West's Great Minstrel Co., the largest in the United States, with a view to induce them to exhibit here on their way to Australia.

The funeral of the late George Williams took place on Thursday afternoon from his late residence on Fort street. The members of Oahu Lodge (Knights of Pythias), and Captain Cook Lodge (Sons of St. George), attended the funeral of their late comrade. Rev. Alex. Mackintosh said the prayers of the Church of England at the house and also at the cemetery. At the grave the Oahu Lodge and Captain Cook Lodge performed their last rites.

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Steamer Claudine brought in from the windward, on Saturday, 143 passengers, 61 head of live stock, and 1375 packages freight.

The Japanese at Ewa plantation are still busily importing liquor, and a three-gallon keg of muscat wine was captured there the other day.

Heavy rains prevailed last week on the windward coast of Hawaii, from Kohala to Hilo. In some districts it rained almost continuously.

Dr. Wood will have charge of Dr. C. A. Peterson's practice and duties during the latter's absence from this city. Dr. Peterson will return shortly with his family.

Richard Poppe, late bookkeeper of Eleale Plantation, Kanai, died on Monday last Thursday, September 24. He was engaged for sometime in this city as searcher of records.

The U. S. ship Alert is about due from the Behring Sea, en route for China, where she has been ordered to proceed. After coaling, she will resume her voyage with dispatch.

The Hawaiian Hardware Company call attention through their adv. in another column to several good things. The Gate City filter for sale by them, has become a household necessity.

A few minutes before the Lehua left Hilo on Thursday afternoon, a report was spread around that a Chinaman had been murdered out in the suburbs, and Sheriff Hitchcock immediately went to the scene of the tragedy.

The annual meeting of Wailuku Sugar Company will be held on Oct. 12th, at the office of C. Brewer & Co., at 10 A. M., and the annual meeting of Pankaa Sugar Company will be held, on October 27th, at the same place and hour.

Elder Haws, representing the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ in this city, baptized seven adults, one of them a woman, at Waikiki early on Sunday morning. They were all natives, some of them leading members from the native churches.

The Hawaiian Band gave a concert on the dock to the passengers by the Monowai Thursday, which was highly appreciated. Mr. Berger kept the boys there about an hour. This is one way to make Honolulu favorably known to strangers.

Mr. Frank Wilburton, the stevedore, will commence to-morrow to replace in the ship *Lancelotti* the 1,000 tons of wheat (15,000 sacks) recently discharged and stored at the O. S. S. dock, in order to lighten the vessel until she could be repaired. He expects to do the work in a day and a half.

Miss Wing, of Punahou, had an accident while riding on Saturday which might have proved very serious results. She was returning with Prof. Hosmer from Manoa valley and, coming down hill, got a fall from her horse. She was quite seriously but not dangerously hurt.

The Honolulu Diocesan Magazine for September is out. It contains the usual record of church events, the continuation of a series of articles on the Cathedral Windows and on the Seven Churches of Asia, a long and enthusiastic article on Electro Homeopathy and other matter of interest.

Passengers on the Mariposa knew how to drive dull care away if three long handbills proclaiming entertainments, are any evidence. Three of these were given during the voyage by the "Mariposa Opera Co." and Honolulu talent was well represented by Messrs. H. F. Wichman and W. H. Hoogs. The programmes abound in faetaes.

The missionary brig Morning Star is undergoing extensive repairs at Harrison street wharf, San Francisco, and it will be two months before she is ready for sea. Her boilers have been condemned and will be replaced by new ones, and she will also receive a number of new spars. Her cabins will be enlarged and refurbished.

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, a whaleboat on its way to Honolulu from Molokai with a load of fish for sale was capsized. The fish implements and mast were lost, and the crew consisting of two natives and a Chinaman had rigged an oar as a mast and were attempting to make their way to port, when they were picked up on the other side of Diamond Head by the yacht Healani.

Peter Casklvechi, an Italian, who is subject to harmless fits of insanity, and who has been lately discharged from the Insane Asylum, had an attack on Monday and was shut up at the Station House for safe keeping. He was captured at the residence of Hon. C. R. Bishop, where he was entertaining himself in the parlor, when Capt. L. Tonnessen appeared on the scene and "ratt him in."

Her Majesty the Queen honored the Sunday-school Exhibition at Kaunakapali Church, on Sunday morning, with her presence. The great Kamehameha schools contributed about one hundred and eighty scholars and an important share in the excellent programme. Everything passed off in good time and with precision. The large audience were more than pleased with the exercises.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. M. K. Smith, widow of the late Dr. J. W. Smith, died at Koloa, Kauai, on Thursday last, September 21, 1891, in the 75th year of her age, after a prolonged illness. For more than a year and a half she had been confined to her bed and required constant care. This care she received from her devoted son and daughter, Dr. J. K. Smith, and Miss Juliette Smith, and from others of her children as they were able to be at her bedside.

Mrs. Smith was born at Greenwich, Connecticut, October 15, 1816. She came to these islands with her husband in 1842, arriving at Honolulu September 21 of that year. So she had just completed the forty-ninth year of her residence here.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith, and Rev. and Mrs. Rowell were the only passengers on the little brig *Abigail*, of 210 tons, in their long voyage around Cape Horn. Very soon after their arrival, the Smiths were stationed at Koloa, where they lived until the Doctor died in November, 1887, in his 78th year.

With the exception of a very few visits to Honolulu, Mrs. Smith never left the island of Kauai.

They had nine children, of whom seven are living. Miss Emma C. Smith, now at Koloa; Mrs. A. S. Hartwell, of Honolulu; William O. Smith, of Honolulu; Dr. J. K. Smith, of Koloa; Alfred H. Smith, of Koloa; Mrs. W. Waterhouse, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Miss Juliette Smith, of Koloa; and twenty grandchildren survive her.

The deceased was a woman of rare mental and personal charm, a devoted mother and Christian, who left her impress not only on her family, but on many of the native Hawaiians who came up to her for their spiritual mother and teacher, and who will mourn her death. In former years more perhaps than of late, the house of Dr. and Mrs. Smith was the only stopping place for strangers passing through Koloa, and many were forced to seek a resting place under their roof, but no one ever left it without having been impressed with the lovely Christian character of Mrs. Smith, and without observing how much the natives trusted and loved her. It is the example and teaching of such men and women as Dr. and Mrs. Smith that have helped to educate and raise the Hawaiians to the point they now hold, showing a greater advance in a shorter time than their former uncivilized condition has been witnessed by any other similar race.

THE SORCERER.

Whether the "Sorcerer" is one of Gilbert & Sullivan's "cast offs" or not I do not know, but it hardly seems up to the standard of the author of the Mikado. The story is very thin in point of texture, too serious for comedy and not serious enough for tragedy. Such an opera requires a strong cast, good voices, clever acting and the assistance of an orchestra to bring out its good points. A mediocre presentation of it must necessarily fail. Generally speaking, an amateur company can only be successful with a piece the interest of which is self-sustaining, in which the situations are strong and telling, the humor broad and the bits obvious. The Sorcerer is not an opera of this kind. The text is witty, but by no means as witty as usual with Gilbert's opera texts, and as the audience in general could not catch all the words, what wit there was was lost.

An analysis of the action has already been published in these columns and I need not repeat it here. It is sufficient to say that the plot of the piece consists in the administering of a love philtre to all the inhabitants of a village, which sets them all ludicrously and inappropriately in love. The sorcerer passes around cups and saucers among the villagers and pours the magic draught from a teapot—points which failed to provoke even a smile in the audience. The piece ends with the sorcerer's death, which serves to disenchant the bewitched villagers, and the curtain falls upon a general chorus.

Mrs. Gray, who took the part of the leadingly, was of course facile princeps, both as regards voice, execution and action. She carried her role to a successful issue, though her mind was obviously distracted by a burden of responsibility for those who were less proficient. The part of Mrs. Parlet (pew opener) was very well sustained by a boy, Master Albert Harris. Mr. Hough, as the vicar, and Miss Gerlie Whitney, as the young spirit and life of the young lady earned some well-deserved applause. The duet between Dr. Daly and Aleni (Mrs. Gray and Mr. Hough) was the best thing in the performance.

A delightful feature of the entertainment was the dancing of two little girls, Miss Helen Smith and Miss Helen Lemon. The first gave a Spanish dance in a very pretty costume, and was warmly applauded. The second executed a sailor's hornpipe in true sailor fashion, in a sailor blue jacket and white trousers and shoes. She was enthusiastically applauded and compelled to repeat a cartoon of the dance. Several sailors from the Pensacola were there to see her.

The audience was not large, about half the seats being occupied.

The cast of characters I give below: Sir Marmaduke Poindeux..... Mr. Lionel Hart. Alex (his son)..... Mr. A. F. Clark. Mr. Daly (vicar)..... Mr. Hough. Notary..... Mr. Dawson Kellett. Page..... Master Albert Harris. Wellington Wells (sailor)..... Mr. T. Gray. Lady Sangzore..... Miss M. Smith. Mrs. Parlet (church pew opener)..... Miss Helen Smith and Miss Helen Lemon. Constance (her daughter, a charity girl)..... Miss Gerlie Whitney. Aleni (lady's daughter)..... Ernestine Gray. Chorus of villagers, etc.

Carriage Horse Killed.

Thursday afternoon back 222 driving through Hotel street ran into and killed one of Mr. Norton's horses valued at \$250.

The driver, W. Kaapa, had made a motion to turn into Adams lane, so that the driver of the Pantheon Stable carriage turned out to the left to give the other back the right of way into the lane. The driver of 222 however turned his horse suddenly to the right again, and the result was that the shaft pierced the other horse's breast penetrating ten inches and making a fatal wound. Kaapa was arrested for heedless driving and an action for damage may be brought.

TWO CHINESE DROWNED.

Capsized in the Breakers—One of the Bodies Recovered.

Friday morning the harbor was the scene of a disastrous accident which cost two Chinamen their lives. Four Chinamen hired the shoreboat January to go out to the steamer Belgic to visit friends on board. On the way back Lan Nin, who was steering, persisted in running the boat too near the breakers—trying to make a short cut. The boatboy, Mannel Kaana, says that he warned him repeatedly, but without effect. The boat was caught in the breakers and capsized. Two of the Chinese, Lan Nin and Tom Fu, could not swim and were drowned. The others clung to the boat until they were rescued. Aho, a Chinese rice planter, who was one of the four, says that he made repeated efforts to save Lan Nin. The latter grasped him by the foot and drew him under the water, so that he only saved himself with difficulty.

Efforts were made during the afternoon to recover the bodies, and shortly after 3 o'clock that of Lan Nin was found. Large rewards were offered by the Chinamen, but all efforts to find the second body were fruitless. Late in the afternoon native divers went out again, \$5 having been offered for the search, whether anything was found or not. They found the sharks had gathered in great numbers. Watching for a favorable opportunity, the daring divers again went down and brought up torn fragments of clothing, which told only too plainly of their own hideous story.

The first effort made to recover the bodies was by the diver Pelehu, under the direction of D. L. Mahuka, who had been ordered by the Marshal to make the search. He went out about noon, but at 2:30, having found nothing, gave it up.

The second attempt was made by Plalle, Kanakale and Luluale. They kept inside the bell buoy, and dove all together at even distances apart. Luluale, who was the furthest makai, saw the body of Lan Nin first, and beckoned to the others under the water to approach. The object of this was to scare the sharks, who are less likely to attack three men than one. The moment they had raised the body and got it into the boat, half a dozen ground sharks rose around them.

The drowned men were merchants of good standing well known in Chinese business circles.

THE U. S. S. MARION.

The U. S. S. Marion, J. R. Bartlett, commander, arrived at this port on Saturday, September 26th, 1891, days from Behring Sea, and dropped her anchors in the naval row on the Ewa side of the U. S. S. Pensacola. On the 7th of September the Marion left Onalaska, a coaling station of the United States Government, and also the best and most important harbor in Alaska on the Behring Sea. The vessels remaining in the harbor after the Marion's departure were the United States vessels Mohican, Thetis, Alert, revenue cutters Rush and Corwin, and the United States collier Albatross. The last named steamer had forty marines on board, whose services are required for guarding prisoners captured from sealing vessels found within forbidden grounds. The British fleet consisted of the *Nymph*, *Pheasant* and the coal ship *Costa Rica*. The Alert is probably now on her way for China, and may call at this port. During the time the Marion was cruising in the Behring Sea with the other ships of Uncle Sam, no less than six sealing schooners were captured.

The British Commissioners to report upon the Behring Sea question left Onalaska sometime in August for Petro-pavlovsk, a port in Siberia, and they were to return to Onalaska about the middle of this month. The Marion will remain here till next Thursday or Friday, when she will proceed for Yokohama to report to Rear Admiral Belknap, commanding the Asiatic Squadron. She came here for provisions and to take in about one hundred and twenty-five tons of coal. The Marion carries six 9-inch smooth bore guns, one 60-pounder rifle and one 8-inch rifle pivot gun, besides several minor machine guns. The number of men, exclusive of officers, are 188. The officers, who were commissioned on April 27, 1891, at Mare Island, are as follows:

Commander—J. R. Bartlett. Lieut. Commander—J. J. Hunker. Lieutenants—J. A. Norris, H. P. McIntosh, A. G. Rogers, J. H. Hetherington. Ensigns—G. R. Slocum, W. M. Crose. Chief Engineer—W. S. Smith. Paymaster—H. G. Colby. Surgeon—B. F. Stephenson. Lieut. of Marines—C. Marraet Perkins. Assistant Surgeon—T. A. Berryhill. Assistant Engineer—J. L. Wood. Boatswain—Samuel Ward. Gunner—Samuel Crose. Sailmaker—Chas. E. Tallman. Carpenter—Wm. L. Maples. Pay Clerk—O. G. Haskett.

BASE BALL.

Perhaps "least said, soonest mended" will be an appropriate motto to apply to the ball game Saturday afternoon between the Aliolani and Crescent Clubs. The game was a foregone conclusion from the very start, as the Crescents took the lead in the first innings and increased it to the end. In the third inning several good hits, assisted by a series of wild throws and muffs at all the bases enabled them to put up eight runs, to which the next inning added four more. The Aliolani did not score until the fifth, when E. Tallman, the part of their opponents, and some good hitting on their own part gave them four runs. If the game had been as good in the field as at the bat, it would not have been discreditable to the teams participating. A fair audience gave free expression to its sentiments by cheers or boodings, between 150 and 200 people being witnesses of the game. The day was a fine one.

Sep. 28 was the birthday anniversary of His Majesty the King of Portugal. The Royal Hawaiian Band played at the Portuguese Legation at noon that day and also played several Portuguese airs at the Emma Square concert in the evening.

OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

Per O. S. S. Mariposa, San Francisco, September 18, 1891.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Sugar.

No change in local quotations. Cuban centrifugals, 96 deg. test, 3.44 c.

The California beet sugar industry is now in operation. Claus Spreckels has just closed the lease of 8000 acres of land which is to be set to beats next year as a supply for the Watsonville works; the efforts to induce farmers to plant beets on a steady guarantee, which would net them about \$60 per acre annually, having been unsuccessful.

En Route for Honolulu.

Henry Carter, ex-Minister from Hawaii to the United States, who was seriously ill in Homburg, Germany, has sufficiently improved so as to be able to start for home. He sailed from England recently for New York in company with his nephew, William H. Lewers. Upon his arrival in New York he will be joined by his brother-in-law, Robert Lewers, with whom he will proceed immediately to San Francisco. After a short visit here he will sail for his home in Honolulu. Mr. Carter has been ill for several months and much apprehension was felt until a fortnight ago, when he began to improve. He is now thought to be on a fair road to recovery.

Zealandia Withdrawn.

The Zealandia has been hauled off the Honolulu line for repairs. She will be partially rebuilt and thoroughly renovated. It is possible that an effort will be made to give her an American registry the same as in the case of the Australia.

Chilean Affairs.

The Junta is now in full control of government affairs in Chile, and peace appears to be established. They have decided that the best way to bring order out of the present chaos is to hold a general election and let the people choose their leaders. The election will therefore be held on October 18, and the president to be elected will be installed on December 26. The United States government has recognized the Junta's government, and a better feeling now prevails toward this country. The difficulty regarding the seizure of the *Itata* has not been adjusted, but it is probable that the vessel will be surrendered by the United States without further trouble.

The provisional government has issued orders for the arrest of all persons implicated in treating cruelly the friends of the Congressionalists.

Balmaceda's whereabouts have been ascertained. When Valparaiso fell he went aboard the man-of-war San Francisco. The Volcano company, however, evidently believed that the steamer company would keep the agent at work anyhow rather than lose some travel. The present situation is one to be regretted, inasmuch as it cannot but fail to lessen the tourist traffic to the Islands and be detrimental to the hotels and all concerned in the handling of tourists.

No Excursion Work.

The Oceanic Steamship Company has about ceased its extra special work to induce tourists visiting on this Coast to make a trip to the Islands. This is in consequence of the failure of the Volcano company to come to any fair basis upon which to operate. The agents of the Oceanic Company thought that the Volcano company ought at least to meet part of the expense, inasmuch as, practically, every Island tourist went to the Volcano. The Volcano company, however, evidently believed that the steamer company would keep the agent at work anyhow rather than lose some travel. The present situation is one to be regretted, inasmuch as it cannot but fail to lessen the tourist traffic to the Islands and be detrimental to the hotels and all concerned in the handling of tourists. Now is the time that such a man should be actively at work in California, as it is now that the flood of Eastern travelers in this direction begins to set in. The gentleman whom the Oceanic Company had at work did yeoman service for the Island travel, and it is to be regretted that he is not actively at work now that his presence is most needed. He was a pleasant relief from the incompetence of Mr. L. Montgomery Mather, who, by the way, is now soliciting advertisements for a projected bi-monthly magazine soon to be started in San Francisco.

Foreign News.

Europe is beginning to be alarmed at the evident spread of Asiatic cholera, which is now spreading rapidly from the east towards the continent.

The unrest in Europe due to the action of the Sultan of Turkey in conceding the right to Russia's fleets to pass the Dardanelles in violation of the treaty of Paris, still continues. The English government is much excited over the matter, while Germany, Austria and Italy are savagely growling about it. The general opinion seems to be that the preliminary step that is destined to plunge all Europe into a bloody war, the end of which no man can see. During the past week the German Emperor has been reviewing his vast armies and in his speeches has used language that has caused no end of uneasiness to the heart of other powers. England is using every effort to force the Porte to recall the order regarding the Dardanelles, but Russia appears to possess more terror for the Sultan than Great Britain, for there is no prospect of the wishes of the latter being recognized. The situation may best be judged by the fact that the press of all Europe is discussing the situation and regards it as a very serious one.

In many districts of Europe famine is prevalent and many other sections are threatened with similar disaster. It is stated that in the north of Europe the bread has already gone up 80 per cent, and that famine prices are feared for the winter. In Central Sweden the result of the constant rain has been to lay some of the lower valleys for some weeks under water. In Denmark the condition of things is no better, and in both countries the wheat crop is reported to be entirely destroyed. Unfortunately the damage is not confined to wheat, which is the least important of Scandinavian cereals. The agricultural losses in Denmark are estimated at \$15,000,000, and as half the cultivated area in Sweden is under water, the loss there, though no estimate has been made of it, can hardly be less. Hitherto this country has maintained, in good years, some-

thing like a balance between their exports and imports of bread stuffs, sending away oats and barley and receiving wheat and rye. Their contributions to the European market must apparently fail entirely this year, and by the general scarcity they themselves must suffer under the failure of the Russian crop.

Francois Jules P. Grevy, ex-President of the French Republic, died on September 9, after having been ill with congestion of the lungs for four days. His death was quite unexpected. He was buried with proper honors on the 14th.

Another expedition has been planned, by Dr. Eckroff, of London. He will start next year, and hopes to succeed by the employment of sleds that can be used as such and readily transformed into serviceable boats. His plan is exciting considerable interest in geographical circles in Europe.

A Berlin dispatch says that the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwarzenburg is in a dangerous condition and is liable to die at any time.

The Jewish Colonization Society has been incorporated in London with a capital of £2,000,000. The bulk of the shares are held by Baron Hirsch. The object of the organization is to promote the emigration of Jews from Europe and Asia to any part of the world, and to establish colonies in North and South America and elsewhere.

The trans-Atlantic steamship *Arizona* collided with an unknown sailing vessel on the night of September 6. The steamer was considerably damaged and it is thought that the other vessel was sunk with all on board.

Reports from Guatemala say that the country is in a bankrupt condition and on the verge of revolution, owing to the fact that President Barillas, in defiance of the Constitution, is endeavoring to secure re-election.

News from East Africa states that the German forces have again been defeated by the natives with considerable loss. Three hundred blacks, fighting under a German commander, were killed and all prisoners were slaughtered.

Advices from Cuba reveal a deplorable state of affairs. The bandits are growing more bold in their depredations on private citizens, and the government officials are looking the Treasury and Custom House. The soldiers and police are in league with the bandits, and an uprising of the desperate tax-payers is expected.

There was nearly a riot in Paris on the 16th, because Wagner's Lohengrin was sung there. About three hundred and fifty people in all were arrested.

There has been a terrific flood in Spain and the town of Consuega has been washed away. It is estimated that 2,000 people lost their lives.

A great war canard was sprung on the 14th, when it was announced that England had seized the island of Mylene, which commands the Dardanelles. The story originated in a picnic party going ashore from a man-of-war.

Sports.

A son of Colonel John T. North, the nitrate king, intends to build a yacht to come to America next season and contest for the America's cup. He thinks that Watson, who designed the *Thistle*, can design a boat which will beat everything in American waters. Burgess is now dead, but America would undoubtedly be represented by the Volunteer, the latest cup winner.

Charles Farrent recently won a long-distance ride from Paris to Brest and return, 747 miles, in 7 1/2 hours. He never slept in the entire ride, and he ate only a few cups of bouillon in all the time.

Australian Billy Smith defeated Bostonian Tom McCarthy at the California Club on the 14th. Ten rounds were fought.

Schaefer and Slosson are to play for the 14-inch bulk line billiard championship at New York, on the 26th of October, for \$500 a side.

Shipping News.

The man-of-war *Pensacola* has left for Honolulu, but it is thought that she will not remain there long, as, inasmuch as the war is now over in Chile, none of the new vessels will be needed there. The *Baltimore* is soon to come to San Francisco and the *Pensacola* will, it is believed, be sent to Valparaiso very shortly.

Captain H. M. Hayward of the *Mariposa* has been presented with a magnificent turquoise and diamond ring by Sara Bernhardt, in appreciation of his qualities as a gentleman and a seaman. The ring is suitably inscribed.

The steamer *China* has just lowered her own record from Yokohama making it in 12 days 11 hours and 55 minutes, which is eight hours less than her previous record. She is to be sent against the Canadian Pacific records on her next trip. On this last trip she only used three out of six boilers, and the officers are confident that were she run at full speed she could beat anything on the Pacific Ocean.

The "white squadron," by which the vessels of the new navy now in Atlantic waters are designated, is about to be broken up. The gunboat *Yorktown* has been ordered to the Pacific station and the Charleston will no doubt remain on the Asiatic station for some time. Others of the "new navy" are to be ordered to Honolulu and Aia.

The coasting schooner *Rose Sparks* capsized off Point Reyes recently. She was loaded with bark and went over in a squall. The cook, Fred Hansen, was drowned, but the crew were saved.

Judicial Decision.

A decision was filed Friday, by the Chief Justice, in *Nanco v. A. J. Lopez*. Assumpsit for \$262.50, on appeal from the Police Court. The plaintiff, who was the assignee of the reversion, brought his action for rent in arrears, as well as that which had accrued since the assignment. The Court decides that although the general grant of a reversion passes the grantor's whole interest, including the rent reserved, yet this cannot be taken to mean rent in arrears, since such rent is a chose in action and therefore not assignable so as to give a right of action in the assignee's own name. The Court therefore gives judgment for plaintiff for \$150, instead of \$262.50, being the amount of rent accrued since the assignment. Plaintiff to pay costs, as the judgment was reduced more than one fifth.

Hamilton House Arrivals.

Sanford Bennett and wife, San Francisco; Mrs. H. Z. Austin, Waihee, Maui; S. Lesser, Honolulu; Miss Kittie Ritchie, Waihee, Maui; Chas. Ritchie, San Francisco; & Pobbiewhite, Sydney.